

February 14, 2019

In the matter of Request for Review by King's Daughter Medical Center of Decision of Universal Service Administrator

Rural Health Care Program: WC Docket No. 02-60

Applicant: King's Daughter Medical Center (KDMC)

Contact: Michael Los, Cost Analyst

Espy Services, Inc.

2213 16<sup>th</sup> St., Bedford, IN 47421

812-277-1499

mlos@espyservices.com

Fund Year: 2017 HCP: 40636

FRNs: 17141181, 17220411

Reason: Waiver/exception of USAC HCF Invoicing Deadline

Pursuant to §54.719(c), KDMC is seeking a waiver of the Commission's rules directly from the Commission.

On October 10, 2018, Espy Services (on behalf of KDMC) submitted two Form 462 Substitutions. The substitutions were 17141181, and 17220411. The emails confirming receipt of these submissions from <a href="mailto:rhcadmin@usac.org">rhcadmin@usac.org</a>, along with the Form 462, are attached.

As noted in the body of the receipt emails, "Once the form has been reviewed, you will receive an email on the status of the funding request and a PDF of the submitted form." On February 5, 2019, Espy Services contacted USAC to find out the status of the abovementioned FRNs. Espy Services was told via email to check the USAC MyPortal to view the status of the FRNs. Espy Services viewed MyPortal and determined that the new Funding Commitment Letters (FCLs) for these FRNs were issued on December 12, 2018. No email or PDF of the form was received by Espy Services or KDMC as indicated on the Form 462 Substitution receipt email.

Espy Services determined that the Form 463 for these new FCLs could not be completed because the invoicing deadline for each of them was December 31, 2018, as noted on the screenshot attached. Espy Services again emailed USAC and was told "USAC does not have the authority to extend the deadline or allow any invoicing exceptions for this situation as the deadline is an FCC regulation and it is not extended due to Site and Service Substitutions. Although a notification was not received, all information related to these specific FRNs was located in MyPortal for applicants to reference and compare to their invoice deadline using the lookup tool on our website. To possibly make a change to your invoicing deadline, the only option moving forward is to file a waiver with the FCC." This email is also attached. While USAC stated that a notification was not



received and all information was located in MyPortal, Espy Services and KDMC were expecting an email and PDF of any updated FCLs as indicated by USAC themselves. There was no need to follow-up in MyPortal if both parties were waiting for an email to confirm approval of the Substitution Request.

Statement of Relief Sought: Espy Services is formally requesting a waiver/extension of the Fund Year 2017 USAC HCF invoicing deadline to account for the lack of notification of approved Form 462 Substitutions by USAC. KDMC has \$17,361.87 in funding they will not receive without a waiver/extension due to the lack of notification on behalf of USAC.

Please see attached documentation. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

### **Michael Los**

**From:** rhc-assist@usac.org

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 12:34 PM

**To:** mlos@espyservices.com

**Subject:** Re: Site and Service Substitution question

Flag Status: Flagged

Hi Michael,

Thank you for reaching out to us. The date you would use is the invoicing deadline. In your case that would be 12/31/2018.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions by emailing us at RHC-Assist@usac.org.

Warmest Regards, LaQueca RHC-Assist Support Team Rural Health Care Program Universal Service Administrative Company RHC-Assist@usac.org

On 2/6/2019 9:05 AM, Michael Los wrote:

Per the "Filing an Appeal" paragraph, "USAC must receive your appeal within 60 days following the date when USAC issued the decision." When is the "date USAC issued the decision" that I am starting the 60 day timer for my appeal deadline?

### Michael Los

Government Funding Specialist Espy Services, Inc. 2213 16<sup>th</sup> Street Bedford, IN 47421 (812) 675-4257 www.espyservices.com

**From:** rhc-assist@usac.org [mailto:rhc-assist@usac.org]

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 4:22 PM

To: mlos@espyservices.com

Subject: Re: Site and Service Substitution question

Hello Michael,

Thanks for reaching back out to us. More information about the appeals process can be found here: <a href="https://www.usac.org/about/about/program-integrity/appeals.aspx">https://www.usac.org/about/about/program-integrity/appeals.aspx</a>
The link includes how to file and what to include in the actual appeal.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact us at <a href="mailto:rhc-assist@usac.org">rhc-assist@usac.org</a>.

Warm Regards, Tanya

RHC-Assist Support Team
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Universal Service Administrative Company
rhc-assist@usac.org

On 2/5/2019 4:07 PM, Michael Los wrote:

What steps do I have to take to file an appeal?

### Michael Los

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**From:** rhc-assist@usac.org [mailto:rhc-assist@usac.org]

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 2:33 PM

To: mlos@espyservices.com

Subject: Re: Site and Service Substitution question

Hi Michael,

Thank you for reaching out to us. We understand, however because the invoice deadline is an FCC regulation, USAC does not have the authority to extend the deadline or allow any invoicing exceptions for this situation, as invoice deadlines are not extended due to Site and Service Substitutions. Although a notification was not received, all information related to these specific FRNs was located in My Portal for applicants to reference and compare to their invoice deadline using the tool on our website. To possibly make a change to your invoicing deadline, the only option moving forward is to file a waiver with the FCC.

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Warmest Regards, LaQueca RHC-Assist Support Team On 2/5/2019 2:14 PM, Michael Los wrote:

Hi Tanya, it looks like each of the 5 FRN's below have FCL issuance dates of 12/12/18, however, I never received any email notification for these approvals. On the documents tab for each of these HCP's, the most recent email saved (highlighted below) is my "Confirmation of Receipt" for the site & service substitution I submitted. When should I have received an email informing me that this FCL is approved?

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network cost worksheet.xls	Excel	462	17145941
Form 462.pdf	Form (Reviewed)	462	17145941
Email.html	I.html email		17145941
network cost worksheet.xls	work cost worksheet.xls Excel 462		17145941
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network cost worksheet.xls Excel		462	17145941
Form 462.pdf Form (Reviewed) 462		462	17145941
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network cost worksheet.xls	Excel	462	17145941
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Thank you,

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**From:** rhc-assist@usac.org [mailto:rhc-assist@usac.org]

Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 1:09 PM

**To:** mlos@espyservices.com

**Subject:** Re: Site and Service Substitution question

Hello Michael,

Thanks for emailing us. In your MyPortal please navigate to the HCP number and then your Form 462 tab. There you will see the site and service FRNs listed with the statuses beside them.

Site and service substitutions typically take 60-90 days, which includes review and processing time.

• The reviewer of the form will reach out with any questions and follow up when the request is complete.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact us at <a href="mailto:rhc-assist@usac.org">rhc-assist@usac.org</a>.

Warm Regards, Tanya

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On 2/5/2019 12:34 PM, Michael Los wrote:

Hello, can you please provide a status update for the below site and service substitutions? I have received "Confirmation of Receipt" emails for each of these, however, I have not received any further updates. When can I expect these to be approved?

		<b>Total Submitted</b>	\$35,031.60	
14568	17111221	10/9/2018	\$4,682.28	
40636	17220411	10/10/2018	\$483.89	
40636	17141181	10/10/2018	\$26,226.67	
45516	17145941	10/17/2018	\$2,615.74	
16663	17111161	10/8/2018	\$1,023.02	
HCP#	FRN	Date Submitted	Total Submitted	

Thank you,

### Michael Los

Government Funding Specialist

## **Michael Los**

**From:** rhcadmin@usac.org

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 9:30 AM

**To:** mlos@espyservices.com

Subject: RHC HCF Program - FCC Form 462 Substitution - Confirmation of Receipt - HCP# 40636

**Attachments:** Form\_462.pdf; network\_cost\_worksheet.xls

Date: 10-Oct-2018 Program: HCF Program

Funding Year: 2017 Health Care Provider (HCP) Number: 40636

HCP Name: Ashland Hospital Corp./dba Kings Daughter Medical Center

FCC Form 462 Application Number: 17141181

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)'s Rural Health Care (RHC) Program received the electronically-submitted FCC Form 462 (Funding Request Form) revision associated with the substitution request for the applicant referenced above on 10-Oct-2018 at 09:28 AM.

# Next Steps

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## For More Information

Please do not reply directly to this email, as emails to this account will not be delivered to the RHC Program team. For questions or assistance, or if this email has been received in error, contact the Rural Health Care Program Help Desk at (800) 453-1546 between 8 AM and 5 PM Monday - Friday or by email at rhc-assist@usac.org.

For more information about the HCF Program application process, refer to the HCF Program Getting Started web page at http://www.usac.org/rhc/healthcare-connect/process-overview/default.aspx.

For more information about the FCC Form 462, visit the HCF Program Forms web page at http://www.usac.org/rhc/healthcare-connect/tools/forms.

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# Rural Health Care (RHC) Universal Service Healthcare Connect Fund Funding Request Form

Read instructions thoroughly before completing this form. Failure to comply may cause delayed or denied funding.

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4 Site Name/Consortium Name: Ashland Hospital Corp./dba Kings Daughter Medical Center			
Block 2: Competitive Bidding Information			
5 FCC Form 461 Application Number: 100020709			
6 Allowable Contract Selection Date (ACSD): 03/22/2017   Service Provider Selection Date: 03/22/2017			
7 Number of vendors who bid: 1 Are you continuing	service with your current	service provider? ⊙ Yes O No	
8 Request for competitive bidding exemption (Only complete if claiming a competitive bidding exemption).			
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☐ Government Master Services Agreement	Contract ID:	Friendly Name:	
☐ Pre-Approved Master Services Agreement	Contract ID:	Friendly Name:	
☐ Evergreen Contract	Contract ID:	Friendly Name:	
☐ E-Rate Approved Contract	Contract ID:	Friendly Name:	
Block 3: Vendor Information			
9 Service provider identification number (SPIN): 1430011	92		
10 Vendor name: AT&T Corp.			
Block 4: Type of Funding Request			
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25	Undiscounted cost per expense period	
26	Source of HCP contribution	
27	One-time installation charges	
28	This contract contains a Service Level Agreement.	O Yes O No
	If yes, provide the following information a. Latency: concerning the SLA in the contract: c. Packet Loss	b. Jitter: s: d. Reliability:
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36	I certify under penalty of perjury that all Healthca program purposes for which support is intended.	re Connect Fund support will be used only for the eligible
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40	matrices, and other information associated with	with this application, including all bids, contracts, scoring the competitive bidding process, and all billing records for of at least five years pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.648, or as

41 Signature	42 Date 10/10/2018
43 Printed Name Michael Los	44 Title/Position Government Funding Specialist
45 Phone (812) 277-1499 Ext. 1020	46 Email mlos@espyservices.com
47 Employer Espy Services, Inc.	48 Employer's FCC RN 0020725107

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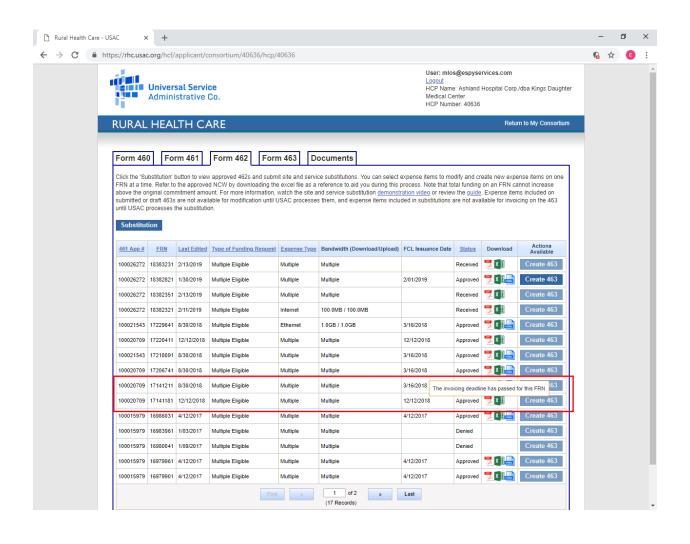
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Part 54 of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) rules authorize the FCC to collect the information requested in this form. Responses to the questions herein are required to obtain the benefits sought by this form. Failure to provide all requested information will delay processing or result in the form being returned without action. Information requested by this form will be available for public inspection. The information provided will be used to determine whether approving this request is in the public interest.

We have estimated that each response to this collection of information will take 2 hours. Our estimate includes the time to read the instructions, look through existing records, gather and maintain the required data, and actually complete and review the form or response. If you have any comments on this estimate, or on how we can improve the collection and reduce the burden it causes you, please write the Federal Communications Commission, AMD-PERM, Paperwork Reduction Project (3060-0804), Washington, DC 20554. We will also accept your comments via the Internet if your send them to <a href="mailto:pra@fcc.gov">pra@fcc.gov</a>. Please DO NOT SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THIS ADDRESS.

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## **Michael Los**

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Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 2:55 PM

**To:** mlos@espyservices.com

Subject: RHC HCF Program - FCC Form 462 Substitution - Confirmation of Receipt - HCP# 40636

Attachments: network\_cost\_worksheet.xls; Form\_462.pdf

Date: 10-Oct-2018 Program: HCF Program

Funding Year: 2017 Health Care Provider (HCP) Number: 40636

HCP Name: Ashland Hospital Corp./dba Kings Daughter Medical Center

FCC Form 462 Application Number: 17220411

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7 Number of vendors who bid: 1 Are you continuing	service with your current	service provider? ⊙ Yes ○ No	
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☐ Evergreen Contract	Contract ID:	Friendly Name:	
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Block 3: Vendor Information			
9 Service provider identification number (SPIN): 1430011	10		
10 Vendor name: FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF A	MERICA		
Block 4: Type of Funding Request			
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Block 5: Single Eligible Expense Request for Funding			
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22	Is this a multi-year funding request? O Yes O No	Multi-year commitments cannot exceed 3 funding years and may not extend beyond the expiration date of an Evergreen Contract.
23	Expense frequency	24 Quantity of expense periods
25	Undiscounted cost per expense period	
26	Source of HCP contribution	
27	One-time installation charges	
28	This contract contains a Service Level Agreement.	O Yes O No
	If yes, provide the following information concerning the SLA in the contract:  a. Latency: c. Packet Los	b. Jitter: s: d. Reliability:
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	Funding Start Date	Funding End Date
Blo	ock 6: Multiple Eligible Expenses and Consortium Re	quests for Funding (attach Network Cost Worksheet)
29	Total undiscounted cost for eligible recurring expenses	\$1,347.03
30	Total undiscounted cost for eligible non-recurring expens	ses \$0.00
Blo	ock 7: Additional Documentation	
31		ntract, etc.) that is required to be submitted with this form.
	Type of Documentation	
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	ock 8: Request for Confidentiality	
	Is applicant requesting confidential treatment and non-d tructions for specific information covered by this request.	
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33	provider or consortium.	ized to submit this request on behalf of the healthcare
34		kamined this request and attachments and to the best of nation contained in this request and in any attachments is
35	and selected the most cost-effective method of particles service" is defined as the "method that costs the	are provider or consortium has considered all bids received providing the requested services. The "most cost-effective least after consideration of the features, quality of the healthcare provider deems relevant to choosing a method of C.F.R. § 54.642(c).
36	I certify under penalty of perjury that all Healthca program purposes for which support is intended.	re Connect Fund support will be used only for the eligible
37	I certify that the healthcare provider or consortiu both the Telecommunications Program and the	m is not requesting support for the same service from Healthcare Connect Fund.
38	X the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended	m satisfies all of the requirements under Section 254 of ed, and applicable Commission rules, and understand that y commits funds for the benefit of the applicant may be
39	I certify that I have reviewed all applicable rules with those rules and requirements.	and requirements for the program and will comply
40	matrices, and other information associated with	with this application, including all bids, contracts, scoring the competitive bidding process, and all billing records for of at least five years pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.648, or as

41 Signature	42 Date 10/10/2018
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